

January 21, 2021

Mayor and Members of Council  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Members of Council:

I am transmitting herewith an **emergency ordinance** captioned as follows:

**DESIGNATING** The Mercantile Library building located at 414 Walnut Street in the Central Business District as a historic landmark.

The City Planning Commission recommended **APPROVAL** of this Local Landmark designation at their January 15, 2021 meeting.

**Summary:**

City Planning Commission recommended approval of the Local Landmark designation for the following reasons:

1. Designating The Mercantile Library building as a Local Landmark will assist in the revitalization of the area and will have a positive impact on the community and economic development plans of the city.
2. This designation will assist in the redevelopment of this building and the Central Business District.
3. It has been determined that the proposed guidelines are acceptable to meet the goal of preserving the architecture of this Local Historic Landmark.
4. This Local Landmark designation will not negatively impact the existing character of the surrounding area.

Motion to Approve: Ms. McKinney

Ayes: Mr. Smitherman  
Mr. Juech  
Mr. Stallworth  
Ms. McKinney  
Mr. Eby  
Mr. Samad  
Ms. Sesler

Seconded: Mr. Samad

THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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